SAGURI-SAN, LISTEN TO THIS!!
BACK THEN, ALL OF US WERE EXPLORERS.
FUFU...
AND THEN WHEN WE TRIED TO CAPTURE IT...
THIS BIG... NO, EVEN LONGER!
AND THERE WAS A SNAKE!!
SO YESTERDAY WE WENT EXPLORING THE HILLS BEHIND THE SCHOOL!
IF ONLY I COULD ALSO GO EXPLORING WITH TSUMU ONE DAY,
THAT'D BE FUN...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, SAGURI-SAN?

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I WANNA SEE!
I WANNA TOUCH!
MORE MORE!!
SAJIWAISAN
IKKENTAI
さじわい三人
採検隊!
ゆく年くる年
売切フェア
第6弾

HEY!
TSUMUGU!!
ON YOUR WAY HOME?
YEAH, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
AH, LOOKS LIKE I'M TRAPPED
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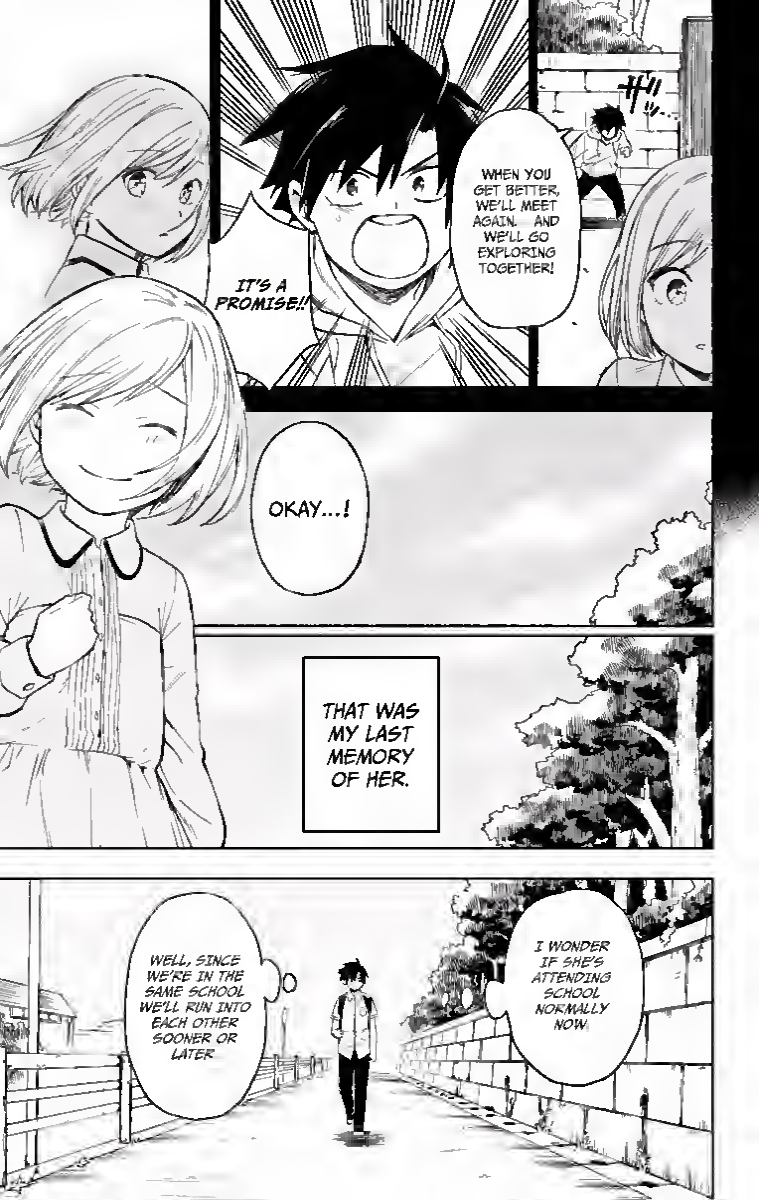
ざわ
WHAT HAP-PENED?
RIGHT, THEY POSTED THE EXAM RESULTS TODAY!

I'M SO JEALOUS, YOU TRANSFER STUDENT!
DAMN! YOU DID YOUR TESTS BEFORE COMING TO OUR SCHOOL...
WELL, THAT DOESN'T CONCERN ME
EXAM RESULTS, HUH...
DAMN! BUT NEXT TIME, YOU'LL BE FIGHTING LIKE US!
MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME SIGHTSEEING.
SHINOBIMA SAGURI?!
SHINOBIMA SAGURI
賢人
HUH?

SAY, DO YOU KNOW THIS "SHINOBIMA SAGURI"?
SHINOBIMA-SAN? SHE'S FAMOUS, WITH HER UNIQUE NAME AND ALL
SHE'S GOT THE LOOKS AND PERFECT GRADES TOO.
SINCE SHE'S SO CUTE EVERY GUY KNOWS WHO SHE IS!
IS THAT SO...
IN FACT, I FIND IT STRANGE THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT HER!
WE USED TO KNOW EACHOTHER.
REALLY?!
SAGURI-SAN WAS MY NEIGHBOR AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
I VISITED THEIR HOUSE TO PLAY A LOT.

SAGURI-SAN HAD A WEAK CONSTITUTION, SO SHE COULDN'T GO OUTSIDE MUCH AND OFTEN MISSED SCHOOL.
SINCE I WAS CRAZY ABOUT EXPLORING THE NEIGH-BORHOOD,
SHE LIKED LISTENING TO MY HEROIC RETELLINGS OF MY ADVENTURES WHILE EXPLORING
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THAT, HER CURIOSITY DWARFED THAT OF OTHERS, AND SHE KNEW A LOT ABOUT ANIMALS AND NATURE
SAGURI-SAN!
HOWEVER, THEY MOVED AWAY WHEN SHE WAS 4.

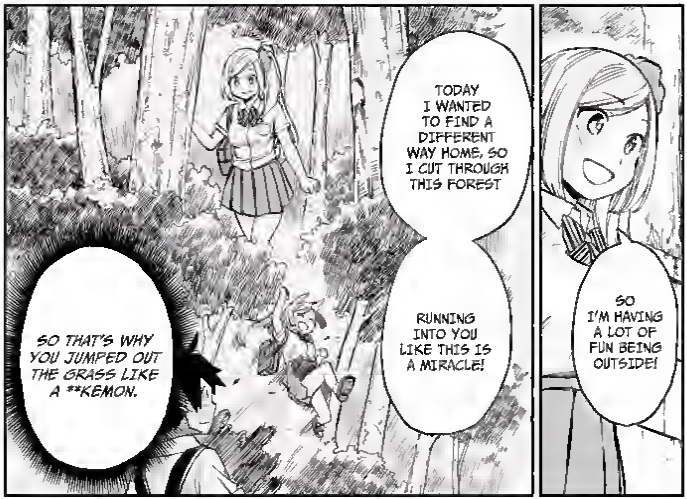

WHEN YOU GET BETTER, WE'LL MEET AGAIN. AND WE'LL GO EXPLORING TOGETHER!
IT'S A PROMISE!!
OKAY...!
THAT WAS MY LAST MEMORY OF HER.
I WONDER IF SHE'S ATTENDING SCHOOL NORMALLY NOW.
WELL, SINCE WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL WE'LL RUN INTO EACH OTHER SOONER OR LATER.

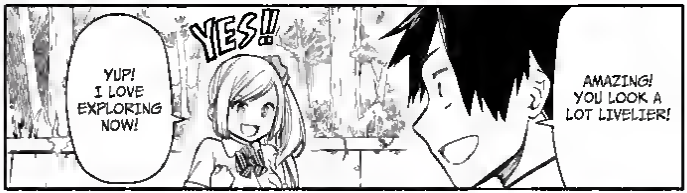
WHAT KIND OF THINGS IS SHE-
HAH!!

...
DOKA
WAH?!
GWAH!
I'M SORRY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WAIT...
TSUMU?
HER FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR...
TSUMU IS THAT REALLY YOU?!
WOOOW!
COULD SHE BE...?!

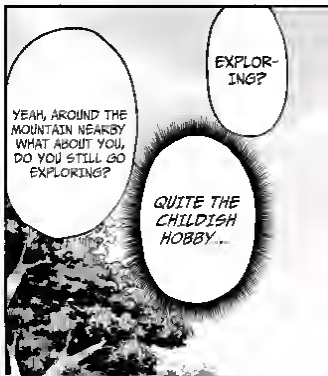
SAGURI! SHINOBIMA!
WE USED TO PLAY TOGETHER!
IT'S BEEN, WHAT, 5 YEARS?
SAGURI-SAN!!

YUP I'VE MOVED HERE RECENTLY
IS THAT OUR SCHOOL'S UNIFORM? DOES THAT MEAN...
REALLY?!
NICE TO SEE YOU...
HUH? IN A LOT OF WAYS...
OH, SORRY I MUST BE HEAVY.
SHE'S BECOME A LOT GIRLIER!
WELL, GUESS WHAT!
ANYHOW, SHOULD YOU REALLY BE OUTSIDE, SAGURI-SAN?!
HOW DO YOU FEEL?!
AS I GREW UP, I'VE BECAME A LOT HEALTHIER!
I'M STRONGER NOW AND FULL OF ENERGY!
REALLY? THAT'S AWESOME!!


TODAY I WANTED TO FIND A DIFFERENT WAY HOME, SO I CUT THROUGH THIS FOREST
RUNNING INTO YOU LIKE THIS IS A MIRACLE!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU JUMPED OUT THE GRASS LIKE A **KEMON.
SO I'M HAVING A LOT OF FUN BEING OUTSIDE!


YES!!
YUP! I LOVE EXPLORING NOW!
AMAZING! YOU LOOK A LOT LIVELIER!

WELL... NOT ANYMORE, NOT AT ALL


EXPLORING?
YEAH, AROUND THE MOUNTAIN NEARBY WHAT ABOUT YOU, DO YOU STILL GO EXPLORING?
QUITE THE CHILDISH HOBBY...

TSUMU... WHEN WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER,
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT WE PROMISED WE WOULD GO EXPLORING TOGETHER WHEN I GOT BETTER?
WHEN YOU SAID THAT...
IT MADE ME VERY HAPPY
I WAS ALWAYS HOPING IT WOULD COME TRUE...
THAT PROMISE...
WILL YOU FULFILL IT FOR ME?

SHE STILL REMEMBERS THAT OLD PROMISE...
IS THERE ANY REASON TO DECLINE?
OF COURSE, LET'S GO EXPLORING TOGETHER!
UUUU~...
TSUMUU~

YAY! THANK YOU!!
!!?
SHE'S TOO LIVELY!!
AH...
AND SO, SAGURI-SAN AND I SET OUT TO EXPLORE

WE'RE HERE!
A SHRINE TO STONE, QUARRY SITE F!
THEY USED TO EXTRACT STONE FROM HERE AS RAW MATERIAL.
WOAH... LIKE SOME OLD RUINS.
COOL, ISN'T IT? I LIKE IT SO MUCH, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN HERE.
SOMETHING CONCERNS ME MORE, THOUGH...
SAGURI-SAN, WHAT'S THAT OUTFIT...?

I'VE BROUGHT STUFF FOR YOU, TOO.
RUSTLE *RUSTLE*...
OH, THIS? IT'S MY EXPLORING EQUIPMENT.
BUG REPELLANT, FLASHLIGHT, BACKUP BATTERIES AND EMERGENCY RATIONS, FIRST-AID KIT.
I ALWAYS HAVE THOSE ON ME.
DOES IT LOOK GOOD ON ME?
ALSO, A COMPASS AND A ROPE, JUST IN CASE.
SOME OF THOSE WILL BE USEFUL.
Y-YEAH!
YEAH!
WE'RE ALL SET! ALL RIGHT, FOLLOW ME!
Hyaaaaaaah!!!
SHE'S MORE INTO IT THAN I THOUGHT!

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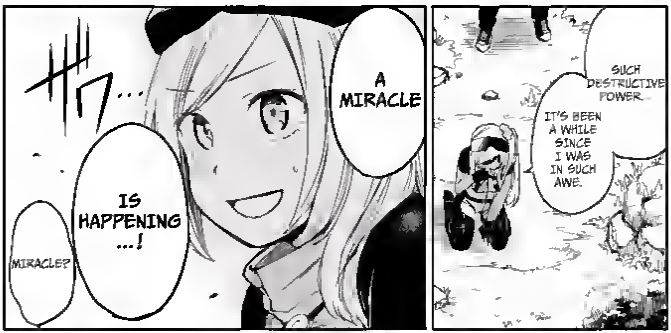
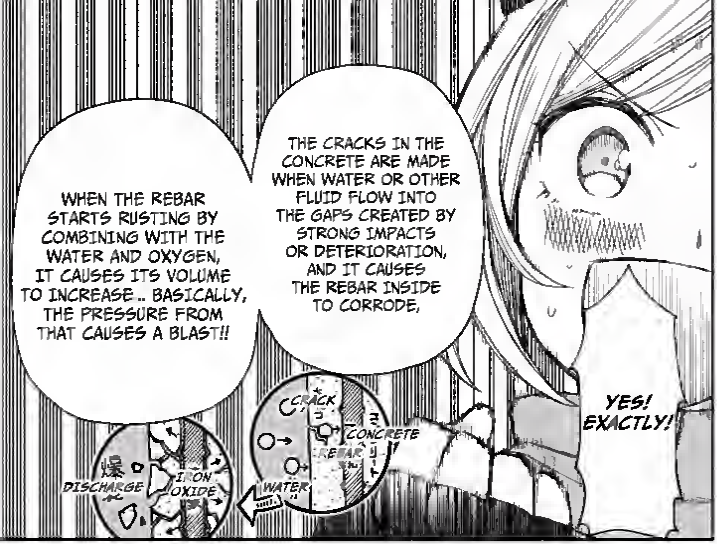
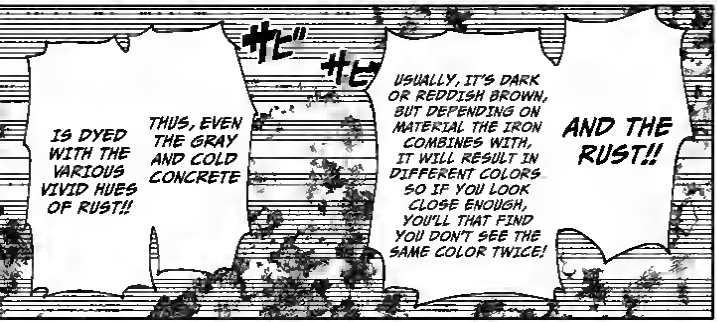
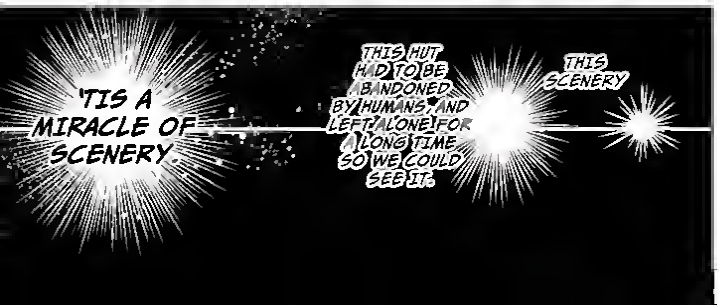
WHAT HAPPENED?!


A MIRACLE
IS HAPPENING ...!
MIRACLE?
SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS IN SUCH AWE.

IT HAS CRACKS.
THERE'S A HUT.
IT'S RUSTING.
OBSERVE WHAT'S BEFORE YOU


WHEN THE REBAR STARTS RUSTING BY COMBINING WITH THE WATER AND OXYGEN, IT CAUSES ITS VOLUME TO INCREASE.. BASICALLY, THE PRESSURE FROM THAT CAUSES A BLAST!!
THE CRACKS IN THE CONCRETE ARE MADE WHEN WATER OR OTHER FLUID FLOW INTO THE GAPS CREATED BY STRONG IMPACTS OR DETERIORATION, AND IT CAUSES THE REBAR INSIDE TO CORRODE,
YES! EXACTLY!
CRACK
CONCRETE
REBAR
WATER
DISCHARGE
IRON OXIDE


THUS, EVEN THE GRAY AND COLD CONCRETE
IS DYED WITH THE VARIOUS VIVID HUES OF RUST!!
USUALLY, IT'S DARK OR REDDISH BROWN, BUT DEPENDING ON MATERIAL THE IRON COMBINES WITH, IT WILL RESULT IN DIFFERENT COLORS SO IF YOU LOOK CLOSE ENOUGH, YOU'LL THAT FIND YOU DON'T SEE THE SAME COLOR TWICE!
AND THE RUST!!


'TIS A MIRACLE OF SCENERY.
THIS HUT HAD TO BE ABANDONED BY HUMANS, AND LEFT ALONE FOR A LONG TIME, SO WE COULD SEE IT.
THIS SCENERY

*INSTEAD OF WABI-SABI WABI-SABI BASICALLY BEING A REACTION TO CIVILIZATION

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BECAUSE IT'S SO MUCH FUN!!!
YOU'RE REALLY ENERGETIC WHILE EXPLORING
YOU'RE RIGHT WE SHOULDN'T MAKE A RACKET DURING EXPLORATION.
IF THERE'S A PLACE YOU LIKE OR SOMETHING NICE, YOU USUALLY WANT TO SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE, RIGHT?
TODAY I HAVE SOMEONE WITH ME TO DO THAT, SO IT'S EVEN MORE FUN THAN USUAL
I DRAGGED MY FRIENDS AROUND A LOT...
BACK THEN, I ALSO COULDN'T WAIT TO SHOW OFF MY SPECIAL SECRET BASE
TSUMU! THIS WAY!
HUH?
WHERE DID SHE...

I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
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COME ON
NO!! WAIT FOR ME!!
GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND
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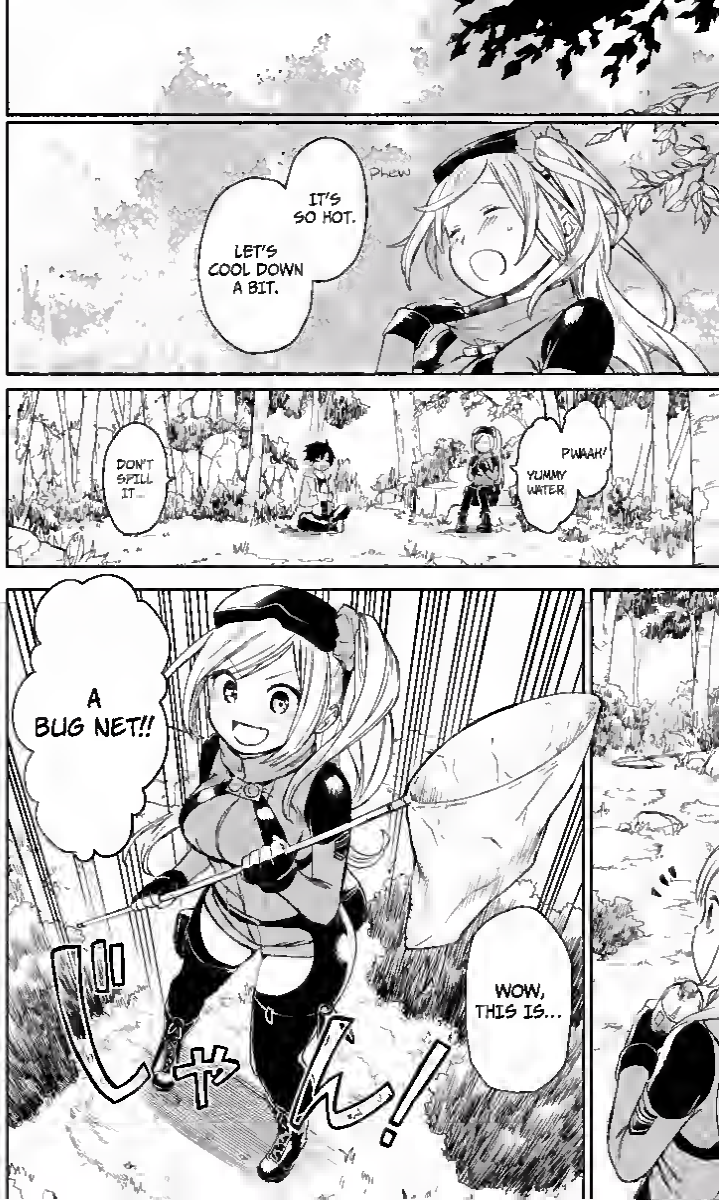
Phew
IT'S SO HOT.
LET'S COOL DOWN A BIT.
DON'T SPILL IT...
PUWAH!
YUMMY WATER.
A BUG NET!!
WOW, THIS IS...
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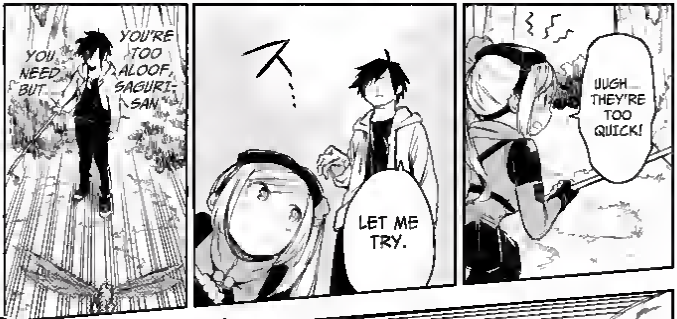
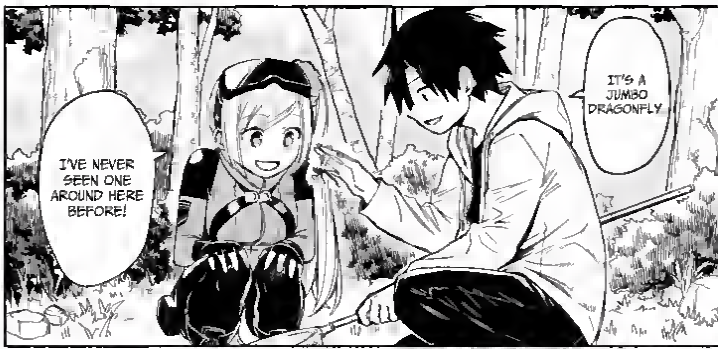
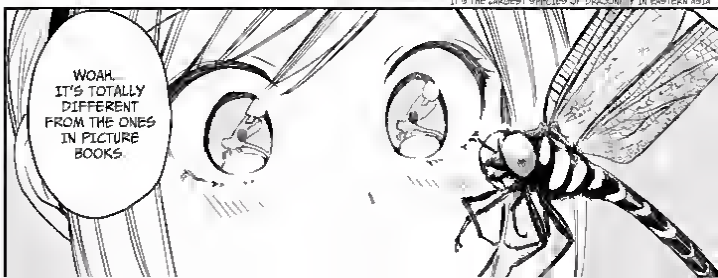
THERE'S A BUG!
GOTCHA!!
HAH...
GYAH!


UUGH... THEY'RE TOO QUICK!
LET ME TRY.
YOU'RE TOO ALOOF, SAGURI-SAN.
YOU NEED BUT

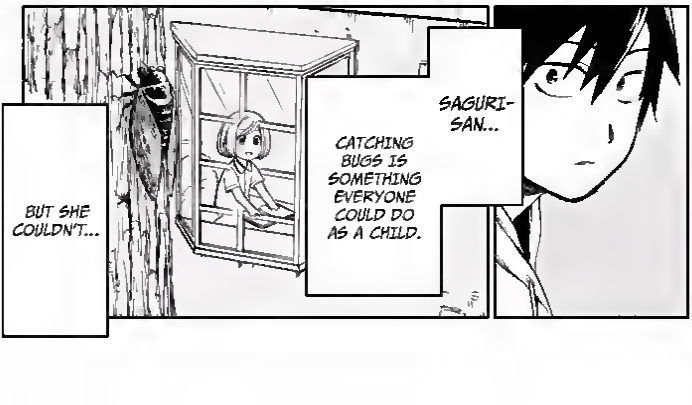
ONE MOMENT!!



*YANYAN ANTODASTERS EHO DI_ AKA _ EHOLE _ DRA_ N_ _ R GOLDEN-RINGED DRAGONFLY
IT'S THE LARGEST SPECIES OF DRAGONFLY IN EASTERN ASIA



I WONDER HOW THEY SEE THE WORLD...
YET THEY CAN FLY WITH THOSE WINGS. IT'S AMAZING
THEY'RE SO THIN, DELICATE, YOU CAN EVEN SEE THROUGH THEM.
STRANGE, ISN'T IT?


BUT SHE COULDN'T...
CATCHING BUGS IS SOMETHING EVERYONE COULD DO AS A CHILD.
SAGURI-SAN...

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE IT HOME?
UH...
HOW?
LIKE THIS.
.....
WE SHOULD LET IT GO
IT'LL BE BETTER FOR IT TO LIVE IN NATURE.
WELL, YOU HAVE A POINT.
IT'S FOR THE BETTER
WE DON'T HAVE A CAGE ANYWAY
AND HOLDING IT IN OUR HANDS IS CRUEL...
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE.
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YANYAN!!
(it's name)
SHE WANTED TO TAKE IT HOME BADLY...
TAKE CARE!!

A BUTTER-FLY!
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IT STOPPED!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GET YA
UH...
AA AA AA GH ?!

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OW, OW…
IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!
YOU'LL GET TO SEE SOMETHING NICE…
AH, TSUMU! COME, QUICKLY!
SAGURI-SAN!
COME HERE, IT'LL BE AMAZING!
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EH...
!?
SOMETHING NICE?!
IT'S LIKE A BROOCH!
IT JUST LANDED ON ME!
YOU MEANT A BEETLE?!
*KANABUN: PSEUDOTORYNORRHINA JAPONICA, AKA DIRONE BEETLES, FOUND IN JAPAN.
ANYWAY, DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?
YEAH, IT'S A GREAT DISCOVERY!
A GREAT DISCOVERY?
TWITCH.
COME OVER HERE.
IT'S RIGHT THERE.

WHOOSH
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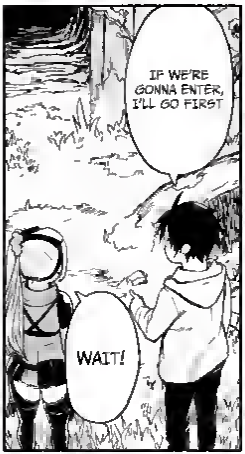
IF WE'RE GONNA ENTER, I'LL GO FIRST
WAIT!

HAAH HAAH
DARK-NESS!
A CAVE!!
SHE WANTS TO ENTER SO BADLY HER FACE LOOKS CRAZY

WHAT NEXT?

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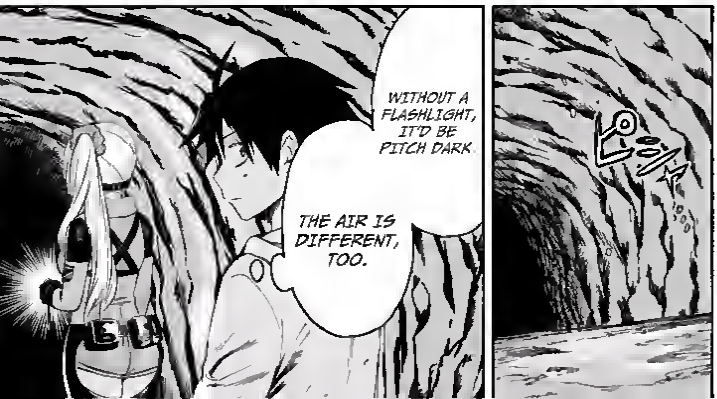
GULP
I..
I WANT TO
BE AHEAD!


WITHOUT A FLASHLIGHT, IT'D BE PITCH DARK.
THE AIR IS DIFFERENT, TOO.
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WITH THE ATMOSPHERE HERE, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF GHOSTS APPEARED.
GHOST? THERE MIGHT BE SOME!

IT FEELS NICE AND CHILLY IN HERE!

YOU DON'T LOOK SCARED AT ALL, HUH.

EVEN IF IT'S SCARY,
I THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE AHEAD.
WHAT IF THERE'S NOTHING STUFF LIKE THAT
AND IT MAKES ME EXCITED INSTEAD!

LIGHT...
グッ
CLENCH
SAGURI-SAN YOU'RE A NATURAL EXPLORER!
TAP TAP TAP
AH, BE CAREFUL...
A PATH OUTSIDE?
IS THAT THE EXIT?!

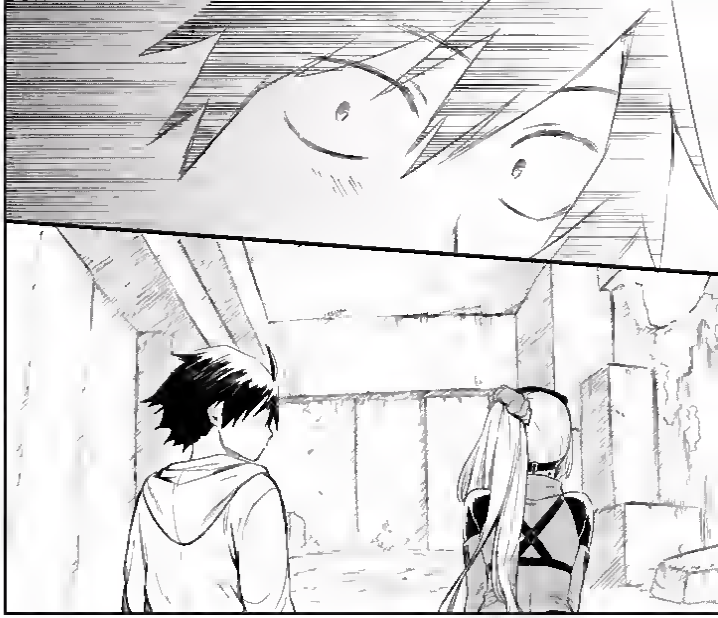
WOW...

I HAD NO IDEA

THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS HERE...

IT'S AMAZING I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PLACE THIS IS.
I'M JUST GUESSING, BUT AFTER THIS QUARRY WAS ABANDONED, WATER SLOWLY SEEPED IN
AFTER A WHILE, IT BECAME SOMETHING LIKE AN UNDERGROUND LAKE
IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE JUST FOUND SOME HIDDEN DUNGEON.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I FELT THIS EXCITED
EXPLORING AIN'T HALF BAD.
ME TOO.. I'M SO MOVED.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!



OH! COULD IT BE..
YOU FELL IN LOVE, DIDN'T YOU?
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WHAT IS IT?
UH, NOTHING ...

WITH THIS SIGHT!!
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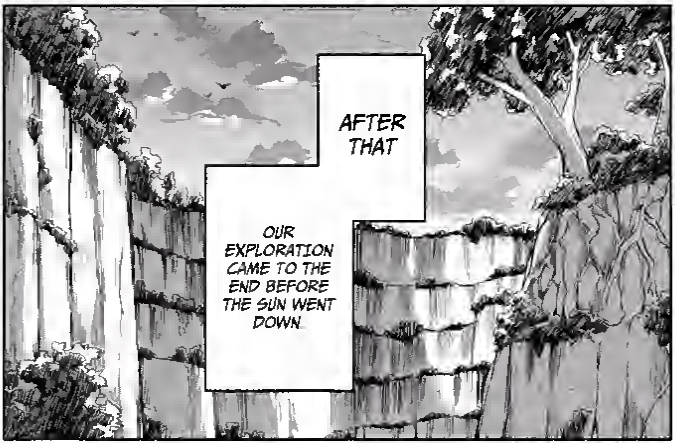
I-...! WHA!


AFTER THAT
OUR EXPLORATION CAME TO THE END BEFORE THE SUN WENT DOWN

WOAH, SAGURI-SAN?!
OOH, THERE YOU ARE!!
UGH, I HAVE TO RUN ERRANDS FOR THE TEACHER...
I WENT TO YOUR CLASS, BUT YOU WEREN'T THERE
I LOOKED ALL OVER SCHOOL FOR YOU!
I WOULDN'T BE IN THE BUSH!
SPARKLE SPARKLE
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
BZZZZZ
LISTEN TO THIS! YESTERDAY, WHEN I WAS CHANGING AFTER I GOT HOME-
!?

RUSTLE RUSTLE
THERE WAS A BEETLE IN MY CLOTHES!!
SO I DECIDED TO KEEP IT AT HOME!
NICE TO MEET YOU, BROOCH!
DAMN YOU, BEETLE!!
SO... ARE YOU FREE THIS AFTERNOON?
YEAH, WHY...?
DO YOU WANT TO
GO EXPLORING WITH ME?
WITH YOU, I'D GO ANY-WHERE...
SAGURI-SAN TANKENTAI
END

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